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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 3, 1882.

A. London Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 1st instant returning the duplicate receipted bills of Robert Briggs for services rendered in examining the Mint-building and reporting what changes are necessary to properly heat and ventilate the same.

I find that this service was rendered upon a request made by you under date of July 23, 1881, to John McArthur, Superintendent of Repairs at Philadelphia as follows;

"Under these circumstances, I would request
"you to cause a proper examination to be made
"of the apparatus for heating and ventilating and

"if you consider the results sufficiently grave, to support
"as strongly as you can the representations herein
"set forth."

I am clearly of the opinion that as this work was performed at your request, payment for the services should be made from your appropriation for contingent expenses and I return the vouchers of Mr. Briggs herewith. I would add that at the time this matter was brought to the attention of the Supervising Architect in July last, he verbally stated that the payment for the services of the expert whom Mr. McArthur requested authority to employ to make the examination must be made from the appropriation for the expenses of the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully,
Howard Chandler

Director.

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Returns Bk \$40.9
Robt Briggs, C. E. for
Examination & Report
on Ventilation, to be
paid from the Govern-
ment Fund of the
Mint.

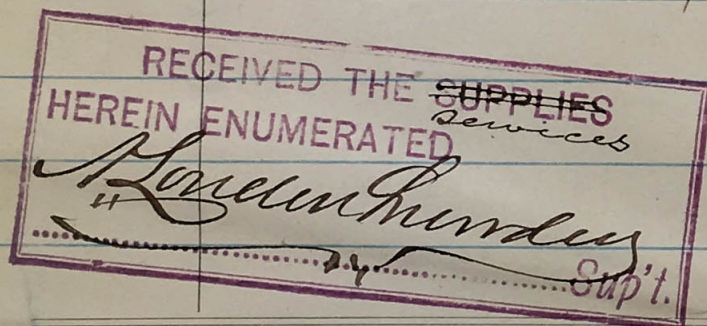
Recd - March 4th 1882.

The United States,

To Robert Briggs, Dr.

On account of the Appropriation for "Heating, Hoisting, & Ventilating Apparatus, for Public Buildings, 1882."

DATE. 1882 .	DESIGNATION.	APPLICATION.	AMOUNT.	
			DOLLARS.	CTS.
Febr 14	To examining the Mint building in this City, and reporting what changes are necessary to properly heat, and ventilate the same, including an estimate of the probable cost thereof.	U.S. Mint building, Philadelphia, Pa.	40.00	✓



Authorized by Department letter dated August 8th, 1881.

I CERTIFY that the articles above enumerated have been received and the services performed; that they were necessary for, and have been, ~~or will be~~, applied to the construction of the as stated; and that the prices paid were just and reasonable.

Correct:

Approved:

John McCathie
Sup't. of Repairs

Supervising Architect

Assistant Secretary.

RECEIVED, this _____ day of _____, 1882,
from _____, Disbursing _____, the sum of
Forty ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars,
in full payment of the above account.

(SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.)

\$ 40.00

Robt Briggs

Paid by check on _____, No. _____, dated _____, 188 .

[Abstract:] Returns Bill \$40. of Robt. Briggs, C.E., for examination... 260

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Treasury Department,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.,
March 3, 1882

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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“Under these circumstances, I would request you to cause a proper examination to be made of the apparatus for heating and ventilating and if you consider the results sufficiently grave, to support as strongly as you can the representations herein set forth.”

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Very respectfully,
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

[Enclosed form:]

(Supervising Architect's Office – Form 2 B.)

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On account of the Appropriation for "Heating, Hoisting, & Ventilating Apparatus, for Public Buildings, 1882."

Date. 1882.	Designation.	Application.	Amount. Dollars.	Amount. Cts.
Feb. 14	To examining the Mint building in this City, and reporting what changes are necessary to properly heat, and ventilated the same, including an estimate of the probable cost thereof. U.S. Mint building, Philadelphia, Pa.		40	.00

Received the Services Herein Enumerated,
A. Loudon Snowden, Sup't.

Authorized by Department letter dated August 8th, 1881.

I certify that the articles above enumerated have been received and the services performed; that they were necessary for, and have been, ~~or will be, applied to the construction of~~ the as stated ____; and that the prices paid were just and reasonable.

Correct:
Approved:

John McArthur L.
Supt. of Repairs

Received ____ this ____ day of ____, 1882, from ____, Disbursing ____, the sum of Forty Dollars, in full payment of the above account.

\$40.00

(Signed in Duplicate.)
Robt. Briggs

Paid by check on ____, No. ____, dated ____, 188__.

(Ed. 6-3-'81-5,000.) Duplicate.